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February 7, 2000

Mr. James E. Rasmussen
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Dear Mr. Rasmussen:

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has developed a final Draft Permit and Fact Sheet that is based on your *Reapplication for State Waste Discharge Permit ST 4502 for the 200 Area Treated Effluent Disposal Facility* (99-EAP-462). On December 22, 1999, copies of the initial Draft Permit and Fact Sheet were sent to the United States Department of Energy (USDOE) for factual review and comment. Subsequently these documents were modified due to the factual comments submitted by the USDOE. The attached copies of the final Draft Permit and Fact Sheet are being made available for the formal public comment period.

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The public comment period for this Draft Permit and Fact Sheet will start on February 10, 2000, and will last for thirty (30) days, ending on March 10, 2000. The public notice of the Draft Permit will be made February 9, 2000, in the *Tri-City Herald* and in a mailing to parties of record. The proposed Permit Conditions in the Draft Permit could be changed during the public review process.

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If you or your staff have any questions regarding this Draft Permit or the Permit issuance process, please contact me at (509) 736-3047.

Sincerely,



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